

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A clock multiplication circuit for delivering an output clock signal at a frequency that is a multiple of the frequency of a reference clock signal as inputted, the clock multiplication circuit comprising:

a counter for delivering a count value by counting the number of effective transition edges of the output clock signal, existing during a predetermined counting period given on the basis of the reference clock signal;

a subtracter for delivering a difference value obtained by subtracting either the count value or a reference value from the other;

a control voltage generation circuit for delivering an analog control voltage corresponding to an integrated value of the difference value ~~comprising an adder for obtaining a new integrated value by adding the difference value to an integrated value obtained in a preceding counting period and a DA converter circuit for converting the new integrated value into the analog control voltage; and~~

a voltage control oscillator circuit for delivering the output clock signal at a frequency corresponding to the analog control voltage,

wherein the counter is a counter for delivering the count value by counting the number of the effective transition edges of the output clock signal, existing during the counting period when the reference clock signal is at either a High level or a Low level,

the counter, the subtracter, the control voltage generation circuit, and the voltage control oscillator circuit having response characteristics such that when the count value is changed from

a preceding count value, the frequency of the output clock signal is changed after the end of the counting period and before the start of a succeeding counting period.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) ~~A clock multiplication circuit according to claim 1~~ for delivering an output clock signal at a frequency that is a multiple of the frequency of a reference clock signal as inputted, the clock multiplication circuit comprising:

a counter for delivering a count value by counting the number of effective transition edges of the output clock signal, existing during a predetermined counting period given on the basis of the reference clock signal;

a subtracter for delivering a difference value obtained by subtracting either the count value or a reference value from the other;

a control voltage generation circuit for delivering an analog control voltage corresponding to an integrated value of the difference value; and

a voltage control oscillator circuit for delivering the output clock signal at a frequency corresponding to the analog control voltage,

wherein the counter is a counter for obtaining the count value at end of every High level period and every Low level period.

4. (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended) A clock multiplication circuit ~~according to claim 1~~ for delivering an output clock signal at a frequency that is a multiple of the frequency of a reference clock signal as inputted, the clock multiplication circuit comprising:

a counter for delivering a count value by counting the number of effective transition edges of the output clock signal, existing during a predetermined counting period given on the basis of the reference clock signal;

a subtracter for delivering a difference value obtained by subtracting either the count value or a reference value from the other;

a control voltage generation circuit for delivering an analog control voltage corresponding to an integrated value of the difference value; and

a voltage control oscillator circuit for delivering the output clock signal at a frequency corresponding to the analog control voltage,

wherein the counter delivers the count value after the end of the counting period and in synchronization with the output clock signal, the subtracter delivers the difference value after the end of the counting period and in synchronization with the output clock signal, and the control voltage generation circuit delivers the analog control voltage after the end of the counting period and in synchronization with the output clock signal.

6. (Currently Amended) A clock multiplication circuit ~~according to claim 1~~ for delivering an output clock signal at a frequency that is a multiple of the frequency of a reference clock signal as inputted, the clock multiplication circuit comprising:

a counter for delivering a count value by counting the number of effective transition edges of the output clock signal, existing during a predetermined counting period given on the basis of the reference clock signal;

a subtracter for delivering a difference value obtained by subtracting either the count value or a reference value from the other;

a control voltage generation circuit for delivering an analog control voltage corresponding to an integrated value of the difference value; and

a voltage control oscillator circuit for delivering the output clock signal at a frequency corresponding to the analog control voltage,

wherein both rising edges and falling edges of the output clock signal are taken as the effective transition edges by the counter.

7. (Currently Amended) A clock multiplication circuit ~~according to claim 1~~ for delivering an output clock signal at a frequency that is a multiple of the frequency of a reference clock signal as inputted, the clock multiplication circuit comprising:

a counter for delivering a count value by counting the number of effective transition edges of the output clock signal, existing during a predetermined counting period given on the basis of the reference clock signal;

a subtracter for delivering a difference value obtained by subtracting either the count value or a reference value from the other;

a control voltage generation circuit for delivering an analog control voltage corresponding to an integrated value of the difference value; and

a voltage control oscillator circuit for delivering the output clock signal at a frequency corresponding to the analog control voltage.

wherein a multiplier for multiplying the difference value by a predetermined factor and delivering a multiplied difference value to the control voltage generation circuit is interposed between the subtracter and the control voltage generation circuit.

8. (Original) A clock multiplication circuit according to claim 7,

wherein the multiplier comprised of a shift register for implementing bit shift of the difference value by predetermined bits.

9. (Original) A clock multiplication circuit according to claim 7, wherein a factor of the multiplier is variable.

10. (Original) A clock multiplication circuit according to claim 9, further comprising factor control means for controlling the factor of the multiplier, the factor control means being capable of raising the factor to a relatively high number during a lock-in period, and lowering the factor to a relatively low number after the end of the lock-in period.

11. (Original) A clock multiplication circuit ~~according to claim 1~~ for delivering an output clock signal at a frequency that is a multiple of the frequency of a reference clock signal as inputted, the clock multiplication circuit comprising:

a counter for delivering a count value by counting the number of effective transition edges of the output clock signal, existing during a predetermined counting period given on the basis of the reference clock signal;

a subtracter for delivering a difference value obtained by subtracting either the count value or a reference value from the other;

a control voltage generation circuit for delivering an analog control voltage corresponding to an integrated value of the difference value; and

a voltage control oscillator circuit for delivering the output clock signal at a frequency corresponding to the analog control voltage,

wherein the subtracter is capable of switching the reference value.

12. (Original) A clock multiplication circuit according to claim 11,

wherein the subtracter comprises reference value storage means for storing the reference value, the reference value storage means configured so as to enable the reference value to be stored in the reference value storage means from outside.

Claims 13-22. (Canceled).